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Easter Sunday
Weekend 19th / 20th April 2025

Holy Saturday 19/04	8.30pm	Battle	Easter Sunday	Intention of the McAdie Family
Sunday 20/04	9am	Northiam		People of the Parish
Sunday 20/04	11am	Battle		No Intention
Monday 21/04	NO MASS			
Tuesday 22/04	NO MASS			
Wednesday 23/04	NO MASS			
Thursday 24/04	6.30am	Battle	Easter Thursday	Jennifer Keeling, RIP (FM)
Friday 25/04	10am	Battle	Easter Friday	Beatrice May Durrell, RIP (FM)
Saturday 26/04	8.30pm	Battle	Divine Mercy Sunday (2 nd Sunday of Easter)	People of the Parish
Sunday 27/04	9am	Northiam		Amelia Brassier & Annie Wood, RIP (FM)
	11am	Battle		In Thanksgiving

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after all Masses and upon Request

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Divine Mercy Sunday
(2nd Sunday of Easter)

- **First Reading: Acts 5:12-16**

Signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles who bear courageous witness to the Risen Lord.

- **Second Reading: Rev. 1:9-13. 17-19**

John is the faithful witness for Jesus Christ, the Living One who holds the keys of death.

- **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

Jesus said to Thomas, "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe".

We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Margaret Thunder, Stephen Bould, Pauline Fraser, Sheila Lilley, Madeleine Salter, Gretta Johnson, Helen Powell, Tom Dodd, Suzanne McAdie, Hazel & Helena Lobo, Marianne Clemence, Marie & Sarah Skilton, Phil & Pauline Bedford, Dilys Fraser.

From St Teresa's: Christine Mooney, June Nottage, Maureen Webster, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margot Leahy, Jacquelyn Solly, Felicity Youtlen.

Prayer Intentions - please remember the following people in your prayers this week:

Guy Hooper, Maureen Ashing, Gerard Leahy, Jo Watkins, Patrick Armstrong, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Anthony Gibbons RIP, Katie Spall RIP, Cilla Wintle RIP, Paul Weller RIP, Michael Conroy RIP, Fr Wilson RIP, Maureen Shaw RIP.

- **Move-It Club:** Every Thursday morning, in the Parish Room at 10am with Lindsey. Please stay for a relaxed coffee and chat afterwards too. If you would like to join, please contact the office for more information: 01424 773125 or.
- **Battle Foodbank:** Our needs this week are Tins of Hot Meat; Jars of Pasta Sauce; Packets of Spaghetti; Tins of Sweetcorn; Packets of Sweet Biscuits; 500gm bags of Sugar and Cat and Dog Food wet and dry please - any toiletries, baby and household items are always welcome - thank you for your donations they are very much appreciated.
- **Battle Foodbank Prayer Requests:** Please pray for: a single mum with two small children who is struggling. Prayers for strength for her to look after them well and the right support around her. A client with a large family who recently had a brick thrown through their window. Prayers for a resolution to and peace in the situation. A family with many children who have been impacted by the two child limit and cap on benefits as well as the husband not being able to work now following an accident. For the health and stamina of our volunteers and staff as they seek to serve people well.
- **First Aid Course:** Thank you to people who have already responded and would like to take part in this course. We still need a few more people please from both Parishes. The course is fully certified and will be funded by the Parish. Please contact Maggie on 01424 773125 or e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk. Thank you.
- Fr Richard is happy to receive Mass Intentions, please pop them in the letter box outside the office, or let Maggie know on 773125, e-mail battle@abdiocese.org.uk

**** The office will be closed on Thursday 17th April and will reopen on Thursday 24th April. If you need to contact Fr Richard urgently please call 07746 223651 or e-mail: richard.blythen@abdiocese.org.uk ****

Diocesan run news/events

- **Grandparent Groups across the Diocese:** We are all on a journey towards the new Diocesan structure and ambition to build “Communities of Communities”. We have, for several years, been working to build a network of Grandparent groups across the Diocese. Our parish groups come together twice a year from across the Diocese, for a day of prayer and friendship (11th June this year) and for a day of formation and sharing ideas to bring our youngsters to Church and to support and affirm each other (25th September this year). We currently have 12 groups up and running now. Each group is organised and led by the parish members for the parish members. As part of the faith journey and affirmation of the importance of Grandparents in our youngsters’ lives, we produce a newsletter “Grand news” three times a year. The Lenten copy is attached to this newsletter. If anyone from our Parish would enjoy setting up and leading a group or would like to find out more information, you can make contact with our Grandparent Group Diocesan leads - Michael and Christine Evans - cevansuk@btinternet.com
- **CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal:** Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD’s Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.
- **Bishop Richard is leading a special Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Walsingham this summer (Friday 6 June to Sunday 8 June),** with people across our community of faith invited to mark the 60th anniversary of our diocese and Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year. Dating from around 1061, this was once one of the four principal shrines of Christendom, along with Rome, Jerusalem and Compostela. Today, the Shrine attracts some 150,000 pilgrims during the pilgrimage season, with about 35 major pilgrimages from Catholic dioceses, parishes, societies and associations. Walsingham is a great Marian Shrine of the Incarnation and a place of pilgrimage for all who would rejoice with Mary at the great joy of the Annunciation. To find out more and book your place, please click here: abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ocoptzuu
- The Diocesan website events calendar, through which places for events can be booked, can be found at W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>
- The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard’s Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please do encourage parishioners to sign up it’s a great way to stay in touch! You can click on the link to sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist

Vatican News

Pope Francis greets pilgrims on Palm Sunday in Saint Peter's Square

Pope Francis wished a "Happy Palm Sunday and Happy Holy Week" to all those gathered for the Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion celebration in Saint Peter's Square. The Pope came out into the Square from the Basilica for around ten minutes, immediately following the final blessing of the Mass where he offered his good wishes and then visited in his wheelchair among the faithful.



**Pope Francis greets the faithful at the conclusion
of the Palm Sunday Mass**



**Pope Francis' surprise visit in Saint Peter's Square
following the Palm Sunday Mass**

Pope Francis' latest visit marked another public occasion among the people, following his presence last Sunday at the Jubilee of the Sick and the World of Healthcare and his visits to Saint Peter's Basilica last week and visit to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major yesterday to pray before the Marian icon of the Salus Populi Romani.

Following his greetings to pilgrims in Saint Peter's Square, the Pope returned inside the Basilica where he paused for moments of prayer before the tomb of the Apostle Peter, and then that of Saint Pius X and the monument dedicated to Benedict XV.



**Pope Francis visiting among the faithful
in Saint Peter's Square**



**Pope Francis during his visit among the
faithful on Palm Sunday**